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1. EVENING 28TH, EMBOFF TOLD [redacted] WE HAD HEARD VIA ISRAELI GRAPEVINE THAT AMBASSADOR HARMAN SEEKING CALL ON SECRETARY DEC 29 RE VARIOUS SECURITY MATTERS. IN ENSUING EXCHANGE [redacted] FOLLOWING POINTS, SOME OF WHICH PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED WITH USDATT TEL AVIV, [redacted]

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A. ACKNOWLEDGED U.S. HAD PROBLEMS RE PROVISION MILITARY PLANES TO ISRAEL. HOPED WE COULD SOON OVERCOME THESE PROBLEMS AND FURNISH SOME OLDER CURRENT MODELS, IF NOT, "PLEASE TELL US SOON, AT LEAST BEFORE END FEBRUARY." FOR ONE THING, PRICES QUOTED ON MORE SOPHISTICATED FRENCH PLANES GOING UP FAST.

B. VOICED CONCERN ABOUT LENGTHY DELAY IN MEETING REQUIREMENTS IF ISRAEL HAD TO RELY ON FRENCH.

C. ASSERTED [redacted] PRESENTATION OF ISRAEL'S AIRCRAFT NEEDS WAS FRANKEST GOI EVER GAVE USG ON MILITARY AFFAIRS [redacted]

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2- 658 December 29 from Tel Aviv

D. MAINTAINED HE ASKED FRENCH [redacted] ONLY FOR "MINIMUM NUMBER VAUTOURS WE HAD TO HAVE AND THOUGHT WE MIGHT GET," NOT FOR "MORE THAN WE KNEW THEY COULD SPARE." IN RESPONSE DIRECT QUESTION [redacted] SOUGHT 30-40 VAUTOURS.

E. AGREED WITHOUT QUESTION TO OUR RATIONALE FOR UK/US AIR DEFENSE PACKAGE FOR SAUDIS.

F. ITERATED HIS PREFERENCE THAT IF JORDANIANS AND LEBS GO SUPERSONIC THEY DO SO WITH BRITISH OR U.S., RATHER THAN FRENCH, PLANES.

2. COMMENT: [redacted]

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[redacted] HIS COMMENT, ESPECIALLY A ABOVE, SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE CONSTRUED AS INDICATING WEAKENING OF GOI'S JUDGMENT THAT ACQUISITION U.S. PLANES ESSENTIAL TO FILL GAP OVER NEXT SEVERAL YEARS.

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